APCM Minutes for the parish of St Mary’s Wootton*.*

Minutes of the Parishioners Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting held at 7.30pm on Monday 28th September 2020 on Zoom and phone.

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| **Present** | Peter Ackroyd | JoJo Ackroyd | Alison Reed Thomsett | Audrey Beardshall |
| Allyson Cable | Norma Smith | Anthony Hall | Jane Hall | Phillip Wainwright |
| Frances Wainwright | Liz Hignett | Jim Hignett | Pauline Kendall | Dave Kendall |
| Jenny Roffey | Angela Stephens | Peter Stephens | Derrick Lowe | Marion Lowe |
| Margaret Greenhalgh | Ivy Peacock | Annette Hart | Shaun Atkins | Martin Sanders |
| Hazel Sanders | Claire Brice | Clem Lewin | Matthew Hearn | Emma Hearn |
| John Robertson | Georgia Murray | Lesley Waller | Gordon Waller | Dorothy Teh |
| Phillip Young | Louise Young | Tony Winterton | Eliane Sullivan | Dianne Sullivan |
| Charles Ashbrook | Kate Wilson | Abbey Oak | Tim Dilliston |  |
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| **Apologies** | Judi Fawcett | Ted Fawcett |  |  |

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| **1** | **Welcome**  **Prayers**  **Worship Song**  **Reading**  **Address** | Rev. Peter Ackroyd welcomed everyone to the zoom meeting.  Margaret Greenhalgh opened with a prayer.  Worship Song : Crown Him with Many Crowns  Reading: Habakkuk 3 v16-19 by Ant Hall  Address by Rev. Peter Ackroyd | | | | |
| **2** | **Break out rooms** | All present were sent into break out rooms for 3 minutes for an informal chat | | | | |
| **Meeting of Parishioners** | | | | | | |
| **1**  **2** | **Meeting of**  **Parishioners**  **Election of Wardens**  **Minutes of the Last Parishioners meeting 2019**  **Meeting Ended** | **Election of Church Wardens**  Two nominations for Church warden were received electronically before the meeting.    **Nomination one** : Hazel Sanders **Proposed** by Emma Hearn  **Seconded** by Claire Brice  **Nomination two**: Anthony Hall **Proposed** by Allyson Cable  **Seconded** by Rob Hamilton  All approved the election of Hazel and Ant for 2020-2021.  The Minutes of the previous Parishioners meeting on the 18th March 2019 were agreed by all. | | | | |
| **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** | | | | | | |
| **1** | **Apologies** | Apologies received from Judi Fawcett and Ted Fawcett | | | | |
| **2** | **Meeting of Annual Parochial**  **Church Council**  **2019 Report and Accounts presented by the**  **Parochial Church Council**  **Questions relating**  **to the Financial Accounts or Annual Report** | St Mary the Virgin, Wootton’s Annual Report has been available since April 2019 on the church website due to Covid-19. This included proceedings of the PCC, Financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2019, Fabric, goods and ornament report, electoral roll to December 2019 and proceedings of the Bedford Deanery Synod.  The electoral roll has to be revised every 6 years and everyone on the roll has to reapply. Allyson Cable the electoral roll officer revised the electoral roll in March 2019. In December 2019, 117 were on the electoral roll, 20 people had either moved away or died between January 2019 and December 2019.  The electoral roll in September 2020 was 124.  None  **All voted in agreement with the Annual Report 2019** | | | | |
| **3** | **Election of Three**  **Lay representatives**  **to Bedford Deanery Synod** | Charles Ashbrook **Proposed**  Norma Smith **Seconded** Audrey Beardshall?  Tim Dilliston **Proposed**  ? **Seconded ?**    Jim Hignett **Proposed**  Richard Hull **Seconded** Matt Hearn  **All voted in favour**  Pauline Kendall is an ex officio member to Bedford Deanery Synod and PCC. | | | | |
| **4** | **Election of lay representatives to the PCC for a three year term.** | Abbey Oak **Proposed** Hazel Sanders **Seconded** Claire Brice  Matt Hearn **Proposed** Jim Hignett **Seconded** Martin Sanders  **All voted in favour** | | | | |
| **5** | **Appointment of Sidespeople**  **2020-2021** | **Fiona Frossell** | **Richard Frossell** | **Phil Wainwright** | **Frances Wainwright** | **Alison Reed Thomsett** |
| **Derrick Lowe** | **Norma Smith** | **Bill Hall** | **Steve Rowse** | **Marje Williams** |
| **Liz Hignett** | **Gordon Waller** | **Jenny Roffey** | **Ivy Peacock** | **Diana Scott** |
| **All voted in favour of appointment** | | | | |
| **6** | **Appointment of**  **Independent**  **Examiner** | Lynden Richardson was appointed as the Independent Examiner for the church accounts ending December 31st 2019.  All voted in favour of the appointment at PCC in March 2020? | | | | |
| **7** | **Minutes of the**  **APCM 2019** | Minutes of the previous APCM on 8th April 2019 recorded as an accurate report.  **Proposed**  Margaret Greenhalgh  **Seconded** Hazel Sanders  **All voted in favour** | | | | |
| **8** | **Discussion and Questions** | There was a brief anonymous poll asking members to indicate what was their most prominent feeling about life at the moment due to covid-19 and government restrictions.  The result was Frustrated16%, Angry 0%, Grateful 48%, Anxious12%, Sad8%, Overwhelmed 12%, and Inspired 4%  Many were grateful for being able to watch services on zoom, keep in touch with growth group members and have coffee zoom.  **Gordon and Lesley Waller** asked what are the thoughts for Remembrance Sunday and Christmas if restrictions are still in place? At the moment only six people are allowed to meet at the War Memorial. There will not be a service in church and it will be up to the Parish Council to decide who will lay the wreaths.  Di ,Emma and Phillip have had some preliminary ideas about Christmas. There may be a questionnaire asking people to make some suggestions re Christmas. Any ideas would be welcome.  There may be a chance to have a joint concert and involve a Christmas Assembly and others in the community.  **Jenny Roffey** suggested the possibility of an outdoor Christmas Carol Service with torches in the church yard.  One person asked what had happened to the prayer chain? There is now an intercessors group that pray confidentially. If anyone would like to join please speak to Peter and they need to be available during the daytime.  All Christmas plans may be subject to change at short notice due to government and Diocesan guidelines.  **Claire Brice** suggested having a drive in Carol Service.  **Phil Wainwright** the treasurer thanked Allyson Reed-Thomsett for her work over the last 18 months. Phil said although loose collection had been lost during lockdown, giving from the congregation had increased which was something to give thanks for. There is a surplus income of £8,000 over expenditure.  **Peter** **Ackroyd** did mention that there would be some additional cost for Live Streaming which had not been budgeted for at the moment.  Peter thanked those on Standing Committee, Hazel, Ant, Phil and Dorothy for their commitment during the last 18 months. He also thanked the Pastoral team and the Growth Group leaders for their support and commitment. | | | | |
| **9** | **AOB** | **Tony Winterson** thanked Peter on behalf of the church for his leadership during the last year and a half.  **Peter** commented that we were an amazing church family and thanked us all for our support. | | | | |
| **10** | **Prayer & Worship** | **Song:** Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor  **Closing Prayer** based on Ephesians 3, v14-21 | | | | |
|  |  | **Meeting Closed at 8.40pm** | | | | |